



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 12, 2004**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks presented herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.